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THE REFERENDUM.

It is a matter for congratulation to all the people of Oregon that the effort to defeat the several appropriation measures enacted by the last legislature failed so signally. Despite the frantic efforts of the hired agent of interests hostile to the people, the petitions for referendum lacked the necessary number of signatures and all the bills are now operative.

It should not be understood that gratification at the failure of the effort to defeat the appropriations in any way implies hostility to the referendum. To the contrary, the referendum is timely and wise. The people should at all times be afforded the opportunity of approving or disapproving acts of their legislatures, and provision for reference of such matters to the voters was and is highly desirable.

But the Lewis and Clark fair and portage railway could not wait for the approval of the people through the medium of the referendum. To hold up the fair appropriation for a year would practically sound the death knell of the celebration. As it is the directors in charge of the undertaking are pressed for time. The refusal of the people to sign the petitions invoking the referendum was equivalent to setting their stamp of approval on the appropriation, so it may rightfully be said that the voters have upheld the action of the legislature.

The portage railway proposal was in better position to stand the delay that would have ensued had the petitions received the requisite number of signatures; but the motive which actuated it became so widely known that the scheme was disapproved in a striking manner. The portage road will do more for Oregon than the fair, and it is well that the appropriation is now available.

The recent test has not hurt the referendum in any respect, but it has taught the valuable lesson that the people will not allow themselves to be used as the dupes of those who would employ the law in opposition to the state's interests.

It is noticeable that the president's speeches are free from partisan expression, which characterizes him as a greater man than most of us believe him to be. At all of the Oregon towns in which he spoke the president eloquently urged fidelity to principles of our government. Higher citizenship, he says should be the aim of all men. He pointed out that our republic was to become greater with each decade, whether we wished it or not, and that we owed it to ourselves to prepare for the additional duties that will devolve upon us. At the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner stone of the Lewis and Clark monument the president referred to the grand country, that

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The intrepid pioneers had left to the present-day westerners, and expressed the sound sentiment that we of today should strive to leave more for those who are to follow us. Such words from the executive head of the republic cannot but make better citizens. Those of us who have heretofore admired the president for his qualities as a soldier see in him now other lofty ideals calculated to benefit the great people over whom he rules.

The requirement of the United States government that salmon hatcheries in Alaska shall be operated by fishing companies to the extent of hatching 10 red salmon for each one caught, has resulted in the establishment there by the Alaska Packers' association of the two largest hatcheries in the world, one of which last season produced nearly 40,000,000 fish, but even it is being doubled in capacity so that next season it will be capable of handling 100,000,000 eggs.

In New York the other day the weather was so hot that two persons succumbed to the heat. In Kansas cyclones are devastating the country. In Oregon, where it is never too warm nor yet too cold, gentle rains are coaxing the blossoms from the trees and mild spring holds sway. Certainly, great climate exceeds great riches.

It is said that President Roosevelt and the members of his party were greatly surprised at the size of Portland and the magnificence of its principal buildings. They had expected to find a hustling western town of 75,000 people, but had hardly expected a great metropolis. Portland is really a wonderful city and a credit to Oregon.

NO DEFINITE PROPOSALS.

Great Britain Will Accept Payments on Silver Basis.

Pekin, May 22.—Great Britain, although willing to accept payment of her indemnity on a silver basis for nine years and in gold thereafter, leaving the question open whether China shall ultimately pay the difference, has not made definite proposals to China. Great Britain is endeavoring to enlist the co-operation of the other powers in the compromise owing to the hardship China has incurred by the depreciation in the value of silver.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

New York Broker Held Under \$1000 Bail Because He Lived.

New York May 22.—Washington Seligman, the broker, who was taken from the Rossmore hotel Wednesday with his neck badly cut, has been held in \$1000 bail because he attempted suicide. Magistrate Mayo went to the hospital where Seligman lay and the legal proceedings were held there. Bail was furnished. Seligman denies that he tried to kill himself.

FIRE DESTROYS MINE.

Canon City, Col., May 22.—News is received of the destruction by fire of the mill and nine buildings at the Terrible lead mine, half way between here and Silver Cliff. The loss is \$50,000, well insured.

N. P. DEPOT DESTROYED.

Cyclone Strikes Kansas Town and Unroofed Houses.

Vermilion, Kan., May 22.—A cyclone struck here this evening. The Missouri Pacific depot was entirely demolished and business houses were unroofed. Many residences were lifted off their foundations and others torn to pieces. Nobody seriously injured.

TWO LITTLE GIRLS KILLED.

Topeka, May 22.—A dispatch from Clay Center says that at 4:30 p. m. today a cyclone struck the little town of Bala in Riley county. Two little girls named Daub were killed.

ORATOR SMITH WINS.

Corvallis, Ore., May 22.—W. Clifford Smith of the University of California won the interstate prohibition oratorical contest here this evening. Dan A. Poling, of Dallas college won the second place.

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